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Computerisation of PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of computerisation of the Public Distribution System and linkage of ration cards with Aadhaar Cards State-wise;
(b) the number of bogus cards identified and eliminated after digitisation;
(c) whether the implementation of the said project has been delayed in some States;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(e) the steps taken to encourage States to complete the process at the earliest; and
(f) the response of the States thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): Under 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), the Government has approved a plan scheme on 'End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations' which comprises of activities namely, digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, computerization of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievance redressal mechanisms etc. The present status of implementation of various activities of the project and seeding of Aadhaar in beneficiaries' data base (State-wise) is annexed.
(b): As reported by States/UTs, total 65,99,129 bogus/ineligible ration cards have been deleted during the last three years.
(c) to (f): Initially the implementation of the project was uneven across the country due to delay in finalization of action plans, late submission of proposals for financial assistance and practical problems being faced during implementation of the project by States/UTs. Due to constant monitoring of the project through meetings, Video Conferences, visits, letters and advisories with States/UTs to review their progress/problems faced etc. There have been significant achievements in implementation of the project as indicated in the annexure.
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